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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Intelligence

FROM:

Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT:

Congressional Briefings

- 1. The recent briefings to freshman Congressmen have been extremely successful and I think we have laid the groundwork for a warm and easy dialogue with a number of the new Congressmen and women.
- 2. We have also made use of the forums with the new members to point out that indeed Congress is one of our most important customers. This may cause a spate of queries or requests for information or briefings which will undoubtedly add to the burden which Congress already places upon the DDI. I urge that your Directorate continue its most responsive attitude towards such requests under the simple ground rule that a well informed Congress cannot help but make our legislation-supporting policy that much better.
- 3. It may come as no surprise to you that the Agency averaged two briefings a day to the members and/or staff during 1982. I see no diminution in that level of effort. You may want to pat your Directorate on the back for the super work that they are doing in keeping our Congressional fences well mended.

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